

Do you know the feeling when you wake up in the morning and your throat feels scratchy, but you feel good for the most part? Then you get up out of bed get ready for the day, and it isn't until someone talks to you that you realize that you have lost your voice. It is an awful feeling isn't it. You go the whole day having to either sounding funny, using hand gestures, or writing things on a piece of paper when you are trying to communicate with people. It is a very interesting situation because you have to make the determination what is worth taking the effort to tell people, and what is worth just keeping to yourself for the day. Stories, jokes, sarcasm, small talk, those things are all thrown to the waste side for the day because it isn't worth the effort to say them. Only the essential things are said that allow you to just get through the day. Whereas if your voice was feeling normal you would talk to people whenever a thought pops into your head. The couple of hours after you get out of a Dentist appointment where they had to numb your mouth is the same thing. Only the essential words are used. In these two similar situations one realizes how much the gift words truly are, and having the ability to speak.

We are the only creature that God has made, with the exception of angels that have a larynx which is also known as the voice box which allows us to have the ability to speak. To express ourselves through words. Isn't that crazy we are the only ones. So why are we humans blessed with such a gift? Why are we the only ones that can speak?

In Genesis 1: 26-27 it states- Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." 27 So God created

man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

So the main thing that we gather from that is we humans are made in Gods image and we have the responsibility to rule the earth and every creation in it. Then in verse 29 something huge happens. Something that is easy to overlook. Verse 29 starts off with this. Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. The point I’m trying to make is this is the first time God speaks to Adam. In the history of the universe this is the first time the Creator speaks to Man. Since we are the only creation on earth that is made in God’s image and God speaks to Adam and Adam can understand Him this must mean Adam is able to speak back to God. The first written proof of this is later on in Genesis 3 vs 10 when Adam talks to God after He and Eve ate the forbidden fruit. Why is it important that Adam was able to speak to God? Why are we the only ones with the ability to speak? Because we are made in his image and we must be able to listen to God and his commands, speak to God, praise God, and have the ability to tell others about Him and all of his Glory. **This is the reason humans have the ability to speak.**